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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. No admission is made that the cited art represents prior art or that the cited art is the most material art.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449, and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality.

The references cited herein were each identified in a European Search Report (copy enclosed) in a corresponding European patent application. Each

reference cited herein and in the European Search Report was identified as a Type A reference indicating that each reference is considered merely technological background and not being particularly relevant to Applicant's invention. U.S. Patent No. 4,768,427 is cited on the European Search Report and is already of record in this U.S. application. Therefore, that reference is not being cited herein. European patent references EP 0668041 and EP 0633327 are not in English; therefore, in addition to the fact that they are identified as Type A references in the European Search Report, the following is an English language translation of the abstract for each of those references.

EP0668041 - The base of the pan has lumps (13) on its surface which have rounded tops and are randomly distributed. These are separated by hollows 914) and the volume occupied by the hollows is less than that occupied by lumps. The height of the lumps is between 0.01-0.2 mm. The surface is covered with a non-stick layer. A metal matrix is attacked by electro-erosion to form hollows separated by reliefs. This is applied to a plate, made of softer metal, to imprint the hollows and lumps on this. It is then shaped to form the pan.

EP0633327 - A method of coating household and kitchen utensils, especially the bases of frying pans, comprises the steps of:

making dome-shaped depressions (30) in the surface of a preferably metallic substrate (15), the depressions having a diameter (D) of between 1.0 and 3.0 mm and a depth (t) of between 0.2 and 0.5mm;

applying at least one thermally sprayed, especially plasma-sprayed, layer (16, 17) being less than half as great as the depth (t); and


applying a non-stick coating (18) to the thermally sprayed layer (16, 17), the thickness (d3) of the non-stick coating (18) being less than the thickness (d1, d2) of the thermally sprayed layer (16, 17).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination of this application. Therefore, it is submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this IDS and the associated references.

However, it is requested that any fee which might be deemed required for consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be charged to our deposit account, No. 23-3000 (a duplicate of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for this purpose).

Respectfully submitted,

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